

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. The present application was filed on October 17, 2001 with original claims 1-61. By this amendment claims 1, 8, 9, 14, 15, 25, 27, 34, and 44-46 have been amended. Please cancel claims 2, 16-24, 26, 29-33, 43, and 47-61 without bias. The claims remaining in consideration are claims 1, 3-15, 25, 27-28, 34-42 and 44-46. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In response to a Restriction Requirement, were withdrawn 18, 20-22, 24, 29-31, 33, 47, 48, 60 and 61 and have been cancelled without bias by this amendment for the purpose of filing a divisional patent application.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 26, 27, and 43-46 contained allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2. Thus applicants deem amended claim 1 to be allowable. Claims 3-7 and 10-13 are ultimately dependent upon allowable claim 1. Thus, applicant also respectfully assert that claims 3-7 and 10-13 are also allowable.

Claims 8, 9, 14, and 15 have each been rewritten in independent form. Therefore applicants respectfully assert that independent claims 8, 9, 14 and 15 are also allowable.

Claim 25 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 26. Claim 27 has been amended to be in independent form. Claim 28 is dependent

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upon now allowable claim 25. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 25, 27, and 28 are therefore allowable over the art of record.

Claim 34 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 43. Claims 35-42 are ultimately dependent upon claim 34. Claims 44 and 45 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 34. Therefore, applicant respectfully that claims 34-42 and 44-45 are allowable.

Allowable claim 46 has been allowed to be in independent form. Thus, applicants respectfully assert that claim 46 is allowable.

All of the Examiner's objections and rejections having been made moot, Applicants respectfully assert that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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